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Responsive to the Restriction Requirement in the Office Action dated July 9, 2004, Applicant elects the invention recited in claim 1-8 and 11-12 for prosecution at this time.

Consideration of the enclosed IDS and early action on the merits are requested.

Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with the application may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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